

Smith, and shall be entitled to like privileges and immunities as if he had been naturalized under the name of Gallitzen.

JOHN WEBER, *Speaker*
of the House of Representatives.

P. C. LANE, *Speaker of the Senate*.

APPROVED—the twelfth day of February, one thousand eight hundred and ten.

SIMON SNYDER.

CHAPTER XXIII.

An ACT to authorize Ulrich Kissinger of Berks county, to erect a toll bridge over the river Schuylkill, at his mill, where the road leading from the borough of Reading through Bern township to Sunbury, crosses the said river.

WHEREAS it has been represented to the legislature of this commonwealth, by a number of the inhabitants of the county of Berks, that a bridge over the river Schuylkill, at or near Ulrich Kissinger's mill, on the road leading from the borough of Reading through Bern township, would be of advantage to the public: Therefore,

SECT. I. BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That it shall and may be lawful for Ulrich Kissinger, his heirs and assigns, to erect, build, maintain and support, a good and substantial bridge over and across the river Schuylkill, at or near his mill, on the road leading from the borough of Reading through Bern township to Sunbury: and that the property of said bridge when built, shall be, and the same is hereby vested in the said Ulrich Kissinger, his heirs and assigns, forever, and that the said Ulrich Kissinger, his heirs and assigns, may demand and receive from travellers and others, a certain toll not exceeding the following rates: *to wit*, For every coach, landau, chariot, phaeton, or other pleasurable carriage, ten cents for each horse drawing the same; for every loaded waggon or cart, ten cents for each horse drawing the same; and for every empty waggon or cart, six cents for each horse drawing the same; for every sleigh or sled, five cents for each horse drawing the same; for a single horse and rider five cents; for every horse three cents; for every foot passenger one cent; for every head of horned cattle two cents; for sheep or swine at the rate of ten cents for every score; and all carriages which shall be drawn by oxen, or partly by oxen and partly by horses, two oxen shall be estimated as equal to one horse: *Provided always nevertheless,*

Ulrich Kissinger empowered to erect a bridge over the river Schuylkill, &c. Property thereof vested in said Ulrich Kissinger.
Rates of toll

Said Kissinger not to erect the bridge on any land without the owner's consent.

Nor to obstruct the navigation of the river. Proviso.

Limitation of the grant.

Penalty on suffering the bridge to be out of repair.

And for exacting illegal tolls.

How recoverable.

That nothing in this act contained shall authorize the said Ulrich Kissinger, or any other person to erect a bridge in the manner in this act before mentioned, on any private property without the consent of the owner or owners thereof, or to erect the same in such a manner as in any way to interfere with, injure, or obstruct the navigation of the said river, or the passage of the fish up the same, or the passage over the ford across the aforesaid river, at or near where the said bridge may be erected: *Provided also*, That persons in the militia, on days of training, or of military procession, or persons attending funerals or religious worship, shall have the privilege of passing over the bridge toll free.

SECT. II. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid*, That if the said Ulrich Kissinger, his heirs or assigns shall not proceed to carry on the said work within one year after the passing of this act, or shall not within five years complete the same according to the true intent and meaning of this act, or if at any time after the said bridge is completed, it is suffered to be out of repair so as to be impassable or dangerous for horses and waggons, for the space of six months, then, and in either of those cases, all and singular the rights, liberties, privileges and franchises hereby granted to the said Ulrich Kissinger, his heirs and assigns, shall be null and void.

SECT. III. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid*, That if the said Ulrich Kissinger, his heirs or assigns, or who-soever shall hereafter own or possess the same bridge, shall exact or demand any greater prices for the passages over the same than what is herein before prescribed or specified, or neglect to keep the said bridge in good repair, he, she, or they so offending, shall for every such offence forfeit and pay the sum of twenty dollars, one moiety thereof to the poor of the townships of Bern and Alsace, in the county of Berks, in equal portions, and the other moiety to the party complaining or who may sue for the same, to be recovered before any justice of the peace of said county as debts of the same amount are recoverable: *Provided*, That if any person, convicted as aforesaid, who shall think himself aggrieved thereby, may within five days appeal to the next court of quarter sessions for the county, which appeal, on giving security within the aforesaid time, before the said justice by at least one freeholder of the county, to pay all costs shall be allowed, and if the conviction so made by the justice shall be confirmed, the said justice shall proceed on application to him made, to levy the said forfeiture as by law is directed in other cases.

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